Title: Demand to implement the revival package for the IISCO and set up an action plan to control the floods and drought situation in the country.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ): Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Prime Minister and the entire Government.

Within a week from today, Bengal is approaching the festival season. Hon. Prime Minister is aware, during festival season, basic issues come up from industrial workers in terms of their wages and bonus. The Indian Iron and Steel Company's revival plan, for which we approached the hon. Prime Minister cutting across party lines to implement the package of MECON, has still not come to see the light of the day.

Cutting across party lines, we have met the distinguished Minister of Heavy Industries, who was kind enough to assure in this House that he would again look into the issue of MAMC, National Tanneries, Tangra as well as Burn Standard, Howrah because for the last four months their workers have not been paid salaries and wages. I am sorry to inform you that one worker has committed suicide last week. This is really appalling. This could cause a law and order problem in our State. I would request the Government, through you, that before the festival season approaches that it should take care of the units of National Jute Manufacturing Company, Hoogly Dock and Port Engineering, Burn Standard units at Howrah and Burnpur, MAMC and National Tanneries and especially IISCO. In totality, this would decide the fate of more than 1.5 million people. Therefore, you can well imagine the situation.

They have already chalked out a plan for *rail roko, rajdhani roko*. I personally phoned up two trade unions yesterday and requested them not to do these things during the festival season and assured that the Government was seized of the matter. Therefore, I appeal, through you, to the hon. Prime Minister and the entire Government to formulate a revival plan or package. Otherwise, there would be a terrible law and order situation and it would cause sufferings to the people and all of us. I would therefore request the hon. Prime Minister to take cognisance of it and advise the hon. Minister responsible for these units to see to it that their grievances are met.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, in spite of the assurance given by the hon. Minister of Heavy Industries on the floor of the House, they have not been paid their wages. ...(*Interruptions*)

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE (CALCUTTA SOUTH): Sir, I am very grateful to you.

Cutting across party lines, I fully endorse the views expressed by hon. Members Shri Basu Deb Acharia and Shri Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi. It is a fact that the industrial scenario in West Bengal is very bad now. We are proud of our SAIL; we are proud of our IISCO; MAMC (Durgapur) we are proud of our NJMC; we are proud of the National Tanneries, Tangra, the IDPL and jute mills.

The modernisation of IISCO has been pending since long. May I make a request to the hon. Prime Minister, who is present here? Today is the last day of this Session and I do not want to disturb him but I would like to draw the kind attention of the hon. Prime Minister. The IISCO modernisation programme is pending since long though the Government has a proposal to go to the BIFR. Within the month of September, the Government has to submit its revival package to the BIFR. I am told that the Government is going to submit the proposal for Rs.600 crore regarding IISCO modernisation.

Sir, may I submit to the hon. Prime Minister that in the month of September that date will be over? If it is finished, then our pride will be finished. That is why may I request the hon. Prime Minister, through you that, for the modernisation of IISCO the Government must submit their proposal within the proper time so that the workers should not suffer?

Sir, I want to mention about MAMC, Alloy Steel, Tyre Corporation of India, NTC mills and NJMC mills. The workers in the jute mills and textile mills all over the country, including in my State, are suffering a lot because there is no plan of action. I request the Government to set up an expert committee to go into the details so that the employees do not suffer. The Government must prepare a Master Plan in this regard.

Sir, the three public sector undertakings − Burn Standard, Jessops, Breathweight − used to get orders for manufacture of wagons from the Government. But this time it has been stopped. I know that if it is totally stopped, then the workers of these units will suffer a lot. I do not know why these public sector units are not getting the order and are lagging in this regard. There may be a communication gap and that is why they are not getting their order within the proper time. Because of this they are going to be sick. May I request the Government to see this matter seriously? I submit that crores of workers should not be rendered unemployed.

I also would like to request the Government for its help with regard to the floods and drought situation in the country. We are facing flood situation every year in the country. But there is no master plan and there is no comprehensive plan of action. Whenever floods come we used to give crores of rupees for this purpose. But we

have to set up some plan of action so that these floods are stopped. We should not limit to only giving money when the floods come. I would like the Government to see to this matter very seriously.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.